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POLYMERIZABLE MONOMER, FLUORINE-CONTAINING POLYMER, AND RESIST MATERIAL AND PATTERNING PROCESS USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 27, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

Amendments to the specification begin page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

A substitute Abstract is attached at the end of this paper.